

## HOUSE BILL No. 1334

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-23-1-12.

**Synopsis:** Licensed practical nurse licensure. Provides that schooling and experience in the medical corps of any of the armed forces of the United States may be used to satisfy the educational requirements of the nursing board for licensure as a licensed practical nurse.

**Effective:** July 1, 2005.

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January 13, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-23-1-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 12. (a) A person who  
3 applies to the board for a license to practice as a licensed practical  
4 nurse **must satisfy the following requirements:**

5 (1) Must not have been convicted of:

6 (A) an act ~~which~~ **that** would constitute a ground for  
7 disciplinary sanction under IC 25-1-9; or

8 (B) a crime that has a direct bearing on the person's ability to  
9 practice competently;

10 ~~(2) have completed:~~

11 **(2) Must:**

12 (A) **have completed** the prescribed curriculum and met the  
13 graduation requirements of a state accredited program of  
14 practical nursing that only accepts students who have a high  
15 school diploma or its equivalent, as determined by the board;

16 **or**

17 (B) **have completed** the prescribed curriculum and graduation

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requirements of a nursing education program in a foreign country that is substantially equivalent to a board approved program as determined by the board. The board may by rule adopted under IC 4-22-2 require an applicant under this subsection to successfully complete an examination approved by the board to measure the applicant's qualifications and background in the practice of nursing and proficiency in the English language; ~~and or~~

**(C) have:**

**(i) completed a total of twelve (12) months on active duty in the medical corps of any of the armed forces of the United States rendering bedside patient care;**

**(ii) completed the basic course of instruction in nursing required by the person's particular branch of the armed forces; and**

**(iii) been discharged from the armed forces with an honorable discharge.**

**A person who qualifies under this clause shall be granted a license upon passage of the examination described in subsection (b) and upon showing proof, specified in the person's service records, that the person possesses the necessary qualifications established by the board.**

**(3) Must** be physically and mentally capable of, and professionally competent to, safely engage in the practice of practical nursing as determined by the board.

**(b) ~~The~~ An applicant under subsection (a)** must pass an examination in such subjects as the board may determine.

**(c)** The board may issue by endorsement a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse to an applicant who has been licensed as a licensed practical nurse, by examination, under the laws of another state if the applicant presents proof satisfactory to the board that, at the time of application for an Indiana license by endorsement, the applicant possesses credentials and qualifications that are substantially equivalent to requirements in Indiana for licensure by examination. The board may specify by rule what shall constitute substantial equivalence under this subsection.

**(d)** Each applicant for examination and registration to practice as a practical nurse shall pay a fee set by the board. The board may set a proctoring fee to be paid by applicants who are graduates of a state accredited school in another state. Payment of the fees shall be made by the applicant before the date of examination.

**(e)** Any person who holds a license to practice as a licensed

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1 practical nurse in:  
2 (1) Indiana; or  
3 (2) a party state (as defined in IC 25-23.2-1-11);  
4 may use the title "Licensed Practical Nurse" and the abbreviation  
5 "L.P.N.". No other person shall practice or advertise as or assume the  
6 title of licensed practical nurse or use the abbreviation of "L.P.N." or  
7 any other words, letters, signs, or figures to indicate that the person  
8 using them is a licensed practical nurse.

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